sugar. Head rend a statement made been taken out of the hands last May by Hoover that a serious who know how to famille it. This is sugar shortage was imminent unless a mintake, and a great responsibility the supply was conserved. This rests on somebody." statement, made last May, satimated Benator Bhafroth of Colorado to nite the sugar crop for 1916-17 would be ferrupted Mr. Smith to say that then \$,250,000 tone below that of the pre. were more than 250,000,000,000 tone

in excess of the year before," said lands withdrawn from entry,

fused to eign the non-importation of transportation familities. agreem of, which included fixing of the price to the public.

"We had fifteen meetings with the of Ohio. Food Administration before the re- SENATOR SMITH FAVORS finers finally signed the agreement,"

WESTERNREFINERCONTRACTED FOR ENTIRE HAWAIIAN CROP.

Epreckels stated that George M. Rolph, the San Prancisco sugar refiner. Who is one of three American membern of the International Sugar Committee named by Hoover, had conplantations.

His price of twenty-five cents less a hundred pounds than the New York Ohio commandeered some of this coal price for imported sugar gave Rolph us, his rivals," said Spreckels.

Spreckels testified that Pacific Coast tage over Eastern refiners because of be sent home. price fixing by the International Sugar miniatrator Hoover.

Sugar Division of the Food Adminis- tery of this coal shortage." tration; Earl A. Baest, President of Senator Smith of Michigan said he the American Sugar Refining Company; William A. Jamieson, President Sir Joseph Todd-White, a refiner of tribute the coal to the rich and poor London, and J. Ramsey Droke, a Lon- alike. don sugar merchant.

chase through the International Comat \$6.90 for imported raw sugar and upon Mr. Garfield and urged him to Pacific Coast prices were to be 25 take steps to prevent suffering in cents a bundred pounds less on all those towns. Mr. Garfield said that imported sugars whatever the price plenty of coal was on the way to set for the East. This gave an advantage to the Western refiners getting supplies from Hawali,

Cries of cold and suffering for lack of coal are pouring in on many Senators, who were not backward in repeating the complaints and demanding drastic action to get coal into freez-

FREEZING IN COLD HOMES.

The pressure of complaints on Senators has become so acute that they were the subject of debate. Senator Smith of Michigan declares children are dying of cold in the Northwest from lack of fuel to keep cause of the inferiority of their fuel. The situation was described as especially serious in the Middle West, New England and the South.

"Fifteen per cent, of the coal being sold is non-combustible. The Government officials in charge of this situation are utterly incompetent to deal with it. The cruisers of the navy are not able to make their best time or give their best service because the fuel furnished is inferior. The business of distributing coal has

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of coal tied up in the soil of his "As a matter of fact, the crop was State and Wycening and in public

Benator Pittman of Sprackels said refiners at first re. charged the coal shortage to the lack

"Where does the fault lie for this situation?" asked Senator Pomerene

DRAFTING OF MINERS.

There was a conspiracy between some coal operators to make coal crease," he said. "I know that to be true. Some coal operators refused to deliver coal unless the price fixed by the Government was exceeded. I was told yesterday that the Chesapeake tracted for the entire output of Hawaii and Ohio Railroad had half of its care loaded and tied up on the tracks at various places. The Governor of yesterday. The President of the Ohio an advantage of \$1,500,000 a year over University wired me last night that if he did not get coal by Monday his institution would have to close down refiners could operate at an advan- and the 5,000 students there would

"The railroads are somewhat to Committee appointed by Food Ad- blame and the operators and the miners. It is a shame that the people The committee is composed of of Ohio, with coal ail around them George M. Roiph, general manager of and under them, should have to suffer the California-Hawasian Sugar Refin- for fuel. I hope the Senate Committee ing Company and director of the on Manufactures will get at the mys-

would draft the men in the mines and put them into the military service to of the Arbuckle Refining Company; produce coal. He would then dis-

Senators Simmons and Overman of Last summer, Mr. Spreckels testi- North Carolina were urged by citizens fied, when the refiners agreed to pur- of their State to secure coal for Charlotte, King's Mountain, Lumberton, mittee the Eastern prices were placed and other communities. They called North Carolina cities and should reach there in time to save those in distress.

CANNERS ARE HOARDING GOODS, IS CHARGE.

Victor Murdock of Kansas, who is conducting the Federal Trade Commission attack on food profiteers, got after the canning industry to-day DECLARES CHILDREN ARE with a club and disclosed boarding practices.

Reports received by the Commission indicate that canned goods are being stored with some meat packers who are not in the canned goods business, and that these goods are being bourded.

"We are discovering," said Comthem warm and that naval cruisers missioner Murdock, to-day, "that cer- pect half a million fresh German only 58 in service. More will be added way, which has been in operation could not make their best time be- tam canners of this country are turn- fighters on the west front and many as additional motor vehicles can be only a few months, proved a blessing ing into a lot of unadulterated bloodsuckers on the public. Their method of gouging out-Kalser's the Kaiser's the Kaiser not living up to their contracts with the wholesalers and jobbers and they are seizing upon the present cltuation to soak the trade. Where they have contracted to furnish a wholesaler or gration and the Italian defeats," he the effect that the snow has had on when surface lines were blocked, a labor situation, which was already were to-day able to get to work without acute.

"Owing to their contracts with many is preparing her supreme mili-the effect that the snow has had on when surface lines were blocked, a labor situation, which was already much trouble. The subway put on contracted to furnish a wholesaler or gration and the Italian defeats," he Even after surface car tracks had extra trains and, although it was jobber a certain amount of cauned goods, they are furnishing only a percentage of the amount and telling the trade that the remainder has had to be turned over for Government use. "The However, they have bungled in over-

GERMAN SUBMARINE HOLDS UP SPANISH SHIP

peeds Away When Menaced by Coast Artillery After Half Hour Search.

PARIS, Dec. 14.-The Spanish steamoast of Portugal was stopped by a Americans in France. German submarine says the correspondent at Madrid of L'Information.

The officer of the U boat made a half bour inspection of the Spanish years! The officer of the U boas made a nair bour inspection of the Spanish vessel, but left hurriedly when the submarine was menaced by the Coast Artillery.

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Col. Repington Says Germans Are Planning Their Supreme Effort.

LONDON. Dec. 14 -- "We must exmore guns and sircraft," declared Col. obtained.

between nineteen and thirty-five are age batteries also shut down. will go to France.

western Allies prior to Russia's rehip Preferida while steaming along the covery and the concentration of "There is the greatest danger in

quickly than we know.

pel France to use her classes of 1918 four suburban trains. and 1919, and to postpone any withdrawat order. They will force us to provide a steady stream of drafts for the coming year to increase our divisions afield.

"Britain needs at least a million men to maintain her existing forces during 1918. "The Allied forces in France are

not enough to premise a victory in ambitious offensives. Never has there been the superiority in numbers necessary to a victory.

"In sending so many troops to distant theatres we have made had use eight hours late if they had any luck. of our forces. Reconsideration of distant operations is necessary and reported that all trains from the pressing. There are enough troops West would be from three to six

Berlin Reports British Pailure to

Regain Bullecourt Trenches. BERLIN, Dec. 14 (via London) .-British troops endeavoring to recapthe cast of Bullecourt, on the Cam-brat battlefront, were beaten back Public schools in all borous

ALL STREET TRAFFIC **BLOCKED BY STORM**

(Continued from First Page.)

this morning during a remarkable unteer workers and 300 wagons.

declared, "the enemy is able to put been cleared the movement of traffic jammed with double the usual numlarger forces than ever on the French was still difficult and slow, chiefly because vehicles, having no other them downtown. "There has been much evidence clear space, stuck to the tracks. Many BROOKLYN CALLS FOR 4,000 MEN However, they have bungled in overlooking or forgetting the fact that the
Federal Trade Commission has on file
copies of all the contracts they made
with the wholesalers last spring.
"These practices on the part of the
canners are absolutely unjustifiable.
Every canner caught with the goods
will have to deal with me."

The second of intensive transport of the seast. There are now heavy loads over slippery surfaces,
and every time it happened traffic partment said it needed 4,000 men and
was clogged for blocks. The Beit was doing the best it could with 1.100
Line on First Avenue from 58th regulars and 45e extras. Policemen
Street down suspended operations, were assigned to call on 1.000 men

"From the latter number all those
Crossfown lines was every against a great of the Civil Seralready of intensive transport of horses fell down when trying to pull "From the latter number all those Crosstown lines whose cars use stor whose names appear on the Civil Ser-

> France-British front. Perhaps some ing to wire troubles, nobody could satisfactory. complete divisions will follow. It is find out even the approximate where- Overhead electric wires of all kinds possible too that Austro-Hungarians abouts of the de luxe extra fare trains were blown down and many plate from the West. Beyond Albany it was glass windows were smashed by the "German headquarters has probably reported that many trains were sta-decided there is no danger to be tionary for hours in drifted snow. No Lodging houses in the Bowery feared from Russia for some time official would venture a prediction on elsewhere were besieged and had to and that it is important to settle the the arrival of coal and other supplies turn many away. The Municipal

MINUTES LATE. Commuters on the Pennsylvania.

the next six months. The Central the Eric, the New York Central, the Powers, beset by want and exhaus- Lackawanna, the Central of New tion of reserves, may strike more Jersey and the New York, New Haven and Hartford reached New York-"The long German defensive in the those who reached here at all-from west must be regarded as ended. thirty to ninety minutes late. The "Germany's reinforcements will com- Eric annulled nineteen of its seventy-

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central said the tracks were buried two to four feet in some places all the way from hero to Rochester. He said he knew of eight passenger trains stalled in the vicinity of Syracuse, and that freight service had been suspended at 10 o'clock last night.

In New England, Mr. Smith said. trains were stalled in snow five feet the station. deep all night. The Twentleth Contury and the Welverine from Chicago were expected to get in from six to At the Pennsylvania Station it was lines.

and huge trucks were stranded in all parts of the greater city. Taxiture the tronches they had lost to cabs were at a premium, the supply

Public schools in all boroughs resterday, the German General Staff opened their sessions this morning announces.

On the front of Duke Albrecht, in Beaton France, the French artillery because children could not reach the because children could not reach the best free hand one start with a fraction of normal attendance. Eastern France, the French artillery because calldren could not reach the buildings. Office buildings downtown W. GROVE's separture to the b.s. 501, -ade.

were depleted of large parts of their usual population. Traffic conditions throughout the

Bronx were thrown into chaos by the storm, with the exception of the subway. Stalled trolley cars, stalled auomobiles, knee deep drifts, frozer shoes on the elevated lines all combined to tie up the entire borough arly to-day. The drive to open up the streets began when Arnold B. MacStay, Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner for the Bronx, got on the job before daylight with 300 of to discontinue work at about 3 o'clock his emergency crossing men. 700 vol-

The elevated was crippled up to 8 "We provide routes for 120 motor o'clock this morning, when its serdriven plows. Only 41 were secured vice began to approach normal. The last night, and this morning there are Williamsbridge division of the subto that district. The people who had a labor situation, which was already were to-day able to get to work without ber of passengers, managed to get

vice lists as available laborers, but being withdrawn for service on the All railroads were crippied and, ow- returns from this source were not

COMMUTERS ARRIVE 30 TO 90 Lodging floure accommodated 135 men. thirty-one women and seven children with sleeping quarters and breakfast. Fifty of the men consented to take street cleaning jobs this morning. In Central Park an elephant was drafted into service to drag a plouga and clear a path for children who storm or no storm, wanted to visit the see. A large force of park employees went to work sweeping the main paths. In the hollows the snow was

> Mrs. Martha Meek, with two chilren, started from Brooklyn at 8 block last night to go to Yonkers. ley car near Van Cortlandt Park. The conductor battled through the bilz-gard to a telephone and notified the police of Yonkers, who sent a patrol to rescue the woman and ler children.

Violent Artillery Actions on Part of French Front.

PARIS, Dec. 14. The War Office mmunication to-day is as follows: "There were violent artillery actions in the region of Maisons de Champagne. East of the Suppes there to turn the scale in France. It is unavailing to occupy Jerusalem and Bagdad if we are unsuccessful on the main front."

West would be from three to six Champagne. East of the Suthres and in Alsace, southeast of Cornay, we raided enemy trenches. "On the remainder of the front them main front."

> for Xmas Recess.
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> WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Congress a share, both payable Jun. 31. Mail deliveries were interfered with. Congress to Adjourn Next Tuesday recess next Tuesday, under a tentative up one-half cent.

agreement by leaders to-day

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BERLIN REPORTS **BIG GUN BATTLE** ON ITALIAN FRONT

Timely Rain Again Turns the Plave River Into Good Water Barrier,

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (via London).-At isolated points between the Brents and Playe Rivers, in Northern Italy, the German. War Office announced to-day, violent artillery fire supported minor operations.

Losses Heavy on Both Sides on the

Italian Line. ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Thursday, Dec. 13 (by Associated Press) .- The latest Austrian attacks around Col. Beretta were made in force, the enemy in fantry advancing repeatedly. The Italians temporarily were drawn back slightly at one point, but quickly regained most of their positions.

The battle for control of the strategic points on Col Beretta is per sistent and desperate. The losses of both sides are heavy.

The backward season continues to be an important factor. A downpour in the last two days has filled the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier with the enemy trenches only. A few hundred yards away the water in the inundated section along the lower Playe also had fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains again made the river a fairly deep barrier and the inundated section again effectively flooded.

Taking advantage of the low water the Austrians occupied a villa near the Lagoon of Venice, in the vicinity of Boro Cavillino. The italian de-stroyer Sauro managed to work into the larged and landed a party of sail-ers, who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine-guns which had been installed.

Hard Fighting at the Capo Sile Bridgehend Reported by Rome, WASHINGTON, Dec 14 .- Austro-Jerman operations aiming at the penetration of the important constal egion of the Venetian lagoon in Italy, have been frustrated with heavy lesses to the invaders, official despatches from Rome to-day an-

Heavy fighting took place at the Capo Sile bridgehead, during which the Austro-Germans after temporary success were counter-attacked by the Italians and driven off. They repeated their attack with frequen cessive waves of massed but were able to reach only part of the defences, from which they eventually were expelled by the Italians. The enemy operations were

nich his caused the water is the insulated receive to its an extremely low mark. Between the lirenta and Playe

Rivers, where the greater Austro-Greman forces are being massed, under command of Gen. won Helow in the wastern and Gen. Krubatin in the castern sector, artillery firing is particularly active.

All Hellday Leaves in German Army

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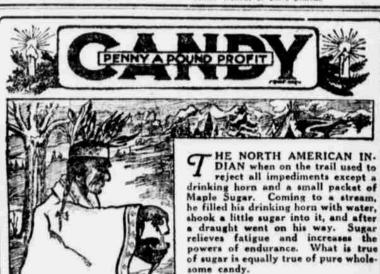
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